



Public Involvement for Developing Raised Median Projects

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Could we do anymore?





Get Ready





Know the Game

- Figure out the Goal
- Learn the Rules
- Play by those Rules
- Get as many people on your team as possible



The Goal

- Serving the Traveling Public
 - Safety
 - System Preservation and Planning
 - Efficiency



The Rules

- Agency Policy
- AASHTO Guidelines
- Other Agencies
 - Local Ordinances
- Research Reports



Play by those Rules

- Be Fair?
- Be Consistent
- Document your Design



Get Help

- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- City Staff
- Planning and Zoning Commissions
- City Councils



Public Involvement

- Advance Project Development Meetings (NEPA)
 - Attempt to Educate
 - Be Generic
 - Record Comments
 - Establish Contacts for Developing Tracts



Public Involvement

- Design Meetings
 - Preparation
 - Establish Spacing Criteria
 - Have a Strategy
 - Decide Approximate Locations
 - Review with City Staff
 - Develop Displays for Public Meetings



Public Involvement

- Design Meetings
 - Conduct
 - Invite “Blocks” Between Openings at Major Intersections
 - Hold Meeting near the Project
 - Go over Need for Access Management
 - Show Approximate Locations
 - Let Landowners Discuss
 - Attempt to Facilitate Consensus



Public Involvement

- Design Meetings, continued
 - Attendees
 - Landowners, Business Owners, Franchisees, etc.
 - Right-of-Way Staff
 - Construction Staff
 - Design Staff
 - Invite City Staff



TxDOT Makes the Hard Decisions

- Coordinate
 - Optimum Location
 - Information from Public Involvement
 - Other Factors
- Select the Best Alternative
 - Draw up the Design
 - Distribute to Interested Parties

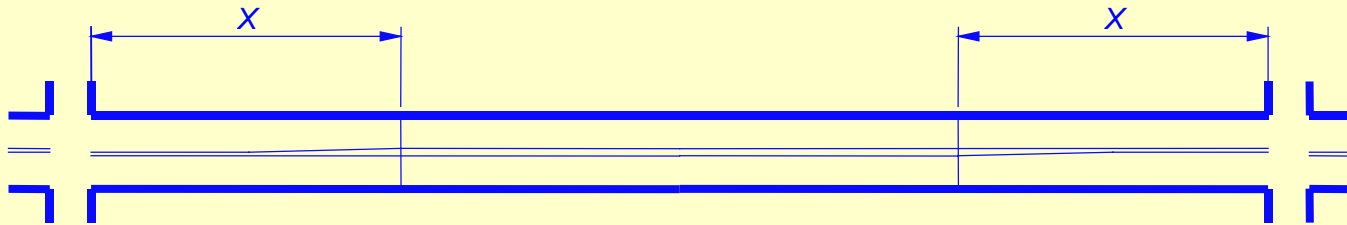


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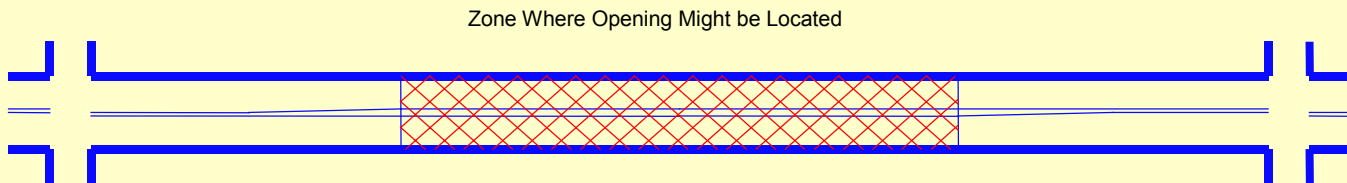


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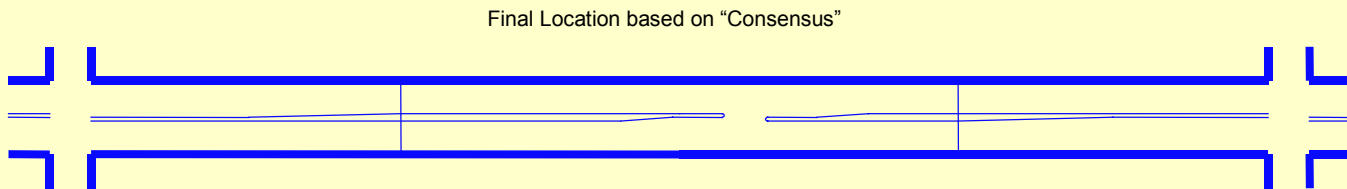


FIGURE 3



Summary

- Public Involvement makes Access Management Easier not Harder
 - Be Prepared
 - Keep your Design Generic until you have Enough Information to Defend your Selection
 - Involve as many Stakeholders as possible in the Discussions
 - Keep the Public Informed



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In the Bryan District